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A summary of the 1983-2008 gypsy moth trapping program at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge is enclosed for your information (Table 1). A map showing the trap locations is also enclosed (Figure 1). The purpose of the trapping program is to monitor low-level gypsy moth populations and help determine when more intensive survey methods should be employed.

The total male moth catch at Ottawa NWR decreased by nearly half in 2008. This past trapping season the total trap catch was 56 male moths. Based on these results, gypsy moth populations will not have an impact on the forest resources in the immediate future at Ottawa NWR.

Figure 2 shows 2008 gypsy moth Slow-the-Spread (STS) trapping results in Ohio. The insert on the figure shows a close-up of the STS results in relation to the Ottawa NWR properties. The trapping results at Ottawa NWR are consistent with the STS results for this past trapping season. For more information regarding the STS, visit http://www.gmsts.org.

It is important for Ottawa NWR personnel to continue looking for other gypsy moth life stages such as larvae, pupae and/or egg masses while performing their normal duties. The GM Digest web page is a good resource for general gypsy moth information, as well as, having publication links that can be helpful in the identification of these life stages. The web address is: http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/gm/index.shtm.

We would like to continue the trapping programs at the same intensity in 2009. Thank you for your continued cooperation and if you have any questions regarding these results, please call me at (304) 285-1556.

Sincerely.

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Enclosures

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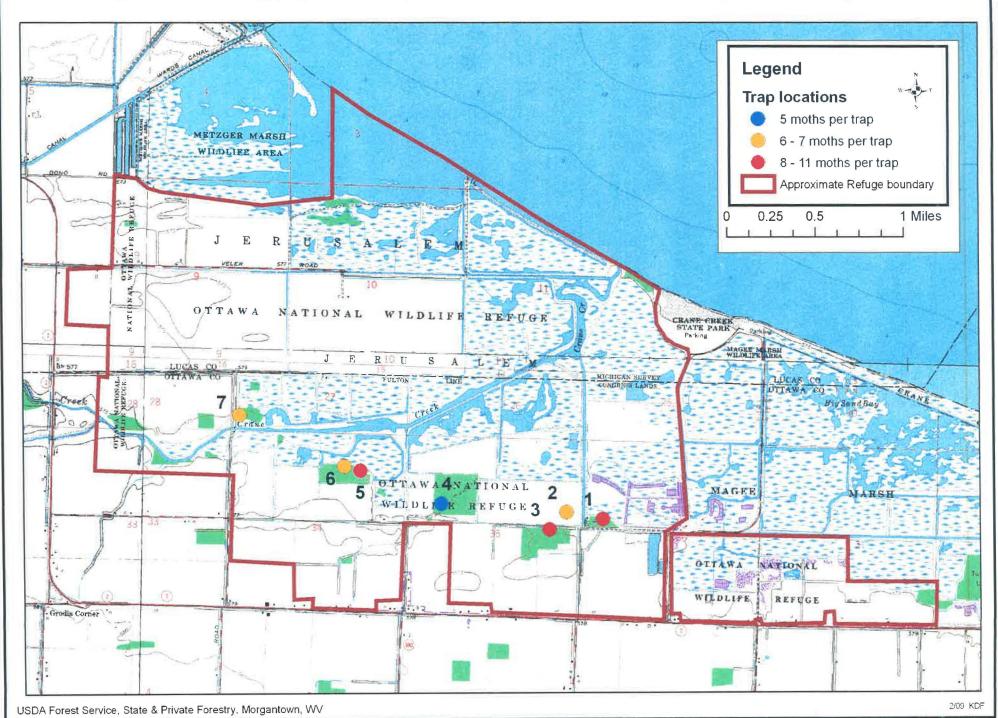
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Table 1. – Summary of the 1983-2008 gypsy moth trapping results Region 3, USDI Fish and Wildlife Service.

Year	Number of traps	Total moths caught	Positive catch trap number
1983	5	0	
1984	10	0	-
1985			Traps not deployed
1986	10	11	1, 3, 4, 5
1987	7	3	3, 4, 7
1988	7	8	1, 2, 5, 7
1989	7	36	All except 2, 4
1990	7	28	All
1991	7	15	All
1992	7	19	All
1993	7	43	All
1994	7	28	All
1995	5	60	All
1996			Not deployed due to staff changes
1997	3	42	1, 6, 7
1998	7	77	All
999	7	119	All
2000	7	64	All
2001	7	69	
2002	7	90	All
2003	7	103	All
2004	7	85	All
2005	7	64	All
2006	7	54	All
2007	7	101	All
800	7	56	All

Figure 1.--2008 gypsy moth trap locations at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge.



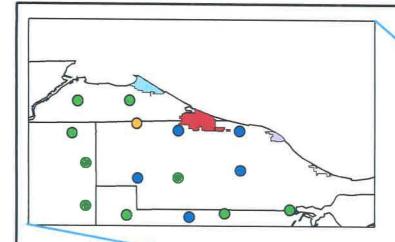
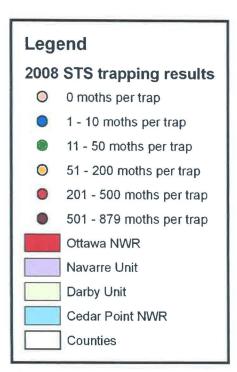


Figure 2.--2008 Slow-the-Spread trapping results in Ohio and in the proximity of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge.



Data Source: Gypsy Moth Slow-the Spread Project http://www.gmsts.org/

